



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 2-5, 8, 9 and 17-19, drawn to compounds, compositions and uses where R2=pyridyl and L=piperidino-containing and piperazino links, classified in class 546, subclass 20,194; class 544, subclass 360; class 514 subclasses 253.01, 278, 318.
- II. Claims 2, and 17-19, drawn to compounds, compositions and uses where R2=pyridyl and L=remaining divalent groups not provided for by I, classified in class 546, subclasses such as 279.1, 333; class 514 subclasses such as 343, 357.
- III. Claims 2, 12, 17-19, drawn to compounds, compositions and uses where B1/B2 form a 5- or 6-membered ring with 1 or 2 methylenes and R2 and L are other groups not provided for by I-II, classified in class 544, subclass 392, 393, etc; class 546, subclasses 20, 199; class 564 subclasses such as 91, 92; class 514 subclasses 255.03, 278, 322, 604.
- IV. Claims 2 and 17-19, drawn to compounds, compositions and uses where B2=H and R2 and L are other groups not provided for by I-II, classified in classes 544, 546, 548, 549, 562, 564, subclasses various as determined by the particular nature of R and L and Z embodiments; class 514 various subclasses. If Group III or IV is elected applicants must further choose L and R2 values selected from the following groups:
 - A. L=alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, arylalkylene;
 - B. L=alpha-aminoalkylene, cycloalkylene, cycloalkylC1-C4alkylene;
 - C. L=all piperidino links (3), piperazino link, pyrrolidino link;**AND FOR R2**
 - A. R2=H, alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo, phenyl, naphthyl- both unsubstituted and substituted;
 - B. heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl.

Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I for further prosecution in the above identified application.

In addition to the election of one of the above groups applicants elect the following single species which applicants believe embrace the group to which claims may be limited should generic claims be found not allowable:

1. 2-[4-(2-Fluoro-benzenesulfonylamino)-piperidin-1-yl]-N-[2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3-pyridin-3-yl-propyl]-acetamide (Example 51)

2. 2-[4-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-*N*-(1-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetamide (Example 93)

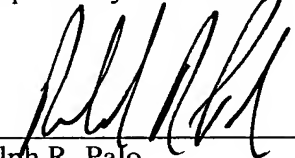
The above elections are made with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to any non-elected subject matter.

In requesting restriction the Examiner has concluded that the compounds of groups I-IV are drawn to structurally dissimilar compounds and that there is no common core. The Examiner has further concluded that the compounds are separately classified and require separate chemical abstract online searches.

All of the claimed compounds are amine or amide derivatives. That the compounds are not structurally dissimilar and do not require separate searches as indicated by the Examiner is evidenced by the fact that all of the groups fall within class 546 of the classification system. Although the amine and amide derivatives have various substituents to which they are attached, this should not require the filing of separate applications to cover the claimed invention.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted



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